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ANDREW TULLY INTERVIEWED

HUGH DOWNS: Many people think the CIA is the largest and most powerful intelligence agency in the United States. It has a budget of around \$750,000,000 and spends most of that money for global spying of one sort or another.

We have a newspaperman with us this morning as a guest, who claims the CIA is only one of several agencies of the type in the United States, most of which spends more than the CIA does, and employ more people here and abroad.

This is the substance of a new book by Andrew Tully, called "The Super Spies". And in it he goes into detail about what some of those organizations are that make use of -- he's the author of an inside story on the CIA that was called that -- some years back. And now "The Super Spies" is even more -- more revealing.

Welcome to Today, Mr. Tully.

ANDREW TULLY: Thank you.

DOWNS: Is it true that there's an attempt to suppress the book? I can imagine some of these agencies wouldn't be delighted with having it published.

TULLY: Well, it's sort of a comic opera, really. If I get the story straight, and I saw the memo, Defense -- the office of the Defense Secretary, Melvin Laird sent a memo down to an Assistant Secretary saying, in effect -- I saw the -- the memo -- that every effort should be made to prevent publication.

Now, the comedy of errors was that the memo, whether purposely or not was misplaced by the confidential assistant of this Assistant Secretary. And nobody knew about this until, as is the custom, my publisher sent out copies of the book to the heads of these various intelligence agencies. And then I gather there was a big explosion.

DOWNS: Do these....

TULLY: The entire thing's incredible but I -- and yet in the bureaucracy of Washington it is -- it's logical enough. It could happen.